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ENERGY TEXTS

1. AT JANUARY 31 NATO CAUCUS, UK REP PRESENTED
FOLLOWING TEXT ON ENERGY, WHICH EC-9 INTENDS AS
ALTERNATIVE TO AUSTRIAN TEXT CIRCULATED IN SUBSIDIARY
WORKING GROUP DECEMBER 13. EC-9 FEEL THAT
HAVING A TEXT AVAILABLE FOR INTRODUCTION AT FEBRUARY 1
DRAFTING GROUP SESSION IS NECESSARY IF WEST IS TO AVOID
APPEARING UNWILLING TO DRAFT ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.
AT THE SAME TIME, THE EC HOPES TO AVOID ENTANGLEMENT
IN THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, SAVING THE QUESTION OF HIGH
LEVEL CONFERENCES FOR POSSIBLE TRADEOFFS LATER IN THE
BELGRADE MEETING. EC-9 TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:
THE PARTICIPATING STATES, RECOGNISING THE
IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY,
AND THE NEED TO ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
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ENERGY RESOURCES IN THE ECE REGION, DECLARE THEIR
READINESS TO SUPPORT FULLY THE ECE'S CURRENT PROGRAMME
OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON ENERGY MATTERS, INCLUDING
THE WORK AIMED AT ESTABLISHING LONG-TERM DEMAND
AND SUPPLY FORECASTS FOR ENERGY IN THE ECE REGION.
END TEXT.

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2. THE FOLLOWING SOVIET TEXT ON ENERGY, AS IT APPEARS IN BM/70, WAS CIRCULATED AT DRAFTING SESSION JANUARY 31. SOVIETS ALSO MADE REFERENCE IN THEIR INTRODUCTION OF THE PROPOSAL TO AN EARLIER VERSION PRESENTED TO SUBSIDIARY WORKING GROUP DECEMBER 13. BEGIN TEXT:

ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS, THE PARTICIPATS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT TO IMPLEMENT THE FINAL ACT IT WAS NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF MAJOR ALL-EUROPEAN INITIATIVES DISCUSSED AT THE BELGRADE MEETING AND FIRST OF ALL TO HOLD INTER-STATE CONFERENCES ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT. END TEXT.

3. AUSTRIAN REP CIRCULATED AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE AUSTRIAN TEXT PRESENTED AT DECEMBER 13 WORKING GROUP SESSION, AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

WITH THE AIM OF A BETTER AND SECURE SUPPLY OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENERGY, THE PARTICIPATING STATES DECLARE THEIR RESOLVE TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE FUTURE.

TO THIS END, THEY DECLARE THEIR READINESS TO HOLD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE EXPERT MEETINGS AT WHICH, BY MEANS OF A DETAILED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AN ENERGY BALANCE FOR EUROPE WILL BE DRAWN UP WHICH COULD CONFIDENTIAL

THEN SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE FORMULATION OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR THE POSSIBLE FIELDS AS WELL AS THE FORMS OF FUTURE EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY. END TEXT.

4. ALTHOUGH UNDER GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT DRAFTING ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT PROPOSALS WAS TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 1, DRAFTING GROUP AGREED TO SET ASIDE ONE HOUR ON FEBRUARY 1 FOR DISCUSSION ENERGY PROPOSALS.

5. NATO TACTIC WILL BE TO PRE-EMPT TIME BY FIRST DISCUSSING AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL AND THEN PROPOSING EC-9 TEXT NOTED ABOVE. IF ANY TIME REMAINS, DISCUSSION OF SOVIET TEXT WILL BE LIMITED TO A SERIES OF GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, LEAVING ISSUE UNRESOLVED AS TIME RUNS OUT.

6. USDEL SEES NO PROBLEM IN EC-9 TEXT SUPPORTING ENERGY STUDY ALREADY UNDERWAY IN ECE. WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY CONFERENCE, THERE IS STILL NO EC-9 ON WHAT TACTIC TO USE, OR WHAT PRICE TO EXACT FOR ANY CONCESSION

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